INTRO: It has been a week of battle and baffle, of insight and disillusionment.

A. The Film distributors attitude toward Sunday and church.
Claim the right to run every day full blast.
Are determined to kill all censorship.
Claim to know what the public wants and the right to give the public what it wants.
Showing to 20 million a day, the screen is the greatest influence over the minds of the maases. The screen and the newspaper shape public opinion.
All over country new movie palaces are being built.

B. The New York Broker's picture of the business world.
A large % of stocks and bonds of no value.
A large % of all brokerage business but a grab for the sucker's money.
The big corporations hold on the government. The U.S.Senate but the tool of moneyed interests.

C. The masses seek luxury and the full satisfaction of their animal desires. All life means is a job and a joy-ride.

D. How is the thinking Christian to face such a situation? What ought he to do about it? What can he doabout it?

Shall the Protestant churches unite and formulate a program of reform that shall legislate evil out of existance? Shall they continue the Anti-Saloon League and crush the evil forces as they did the liquor traffic? Will blue laws make true blue character?

In search of a situation in the BIble that would enable me to give the best possible ~~///~~solution to the difficulty, I was impressd with ACTS 1:6-8

THE apostles, realizing that JESus was about to leave them and that matters were coming to a climax, asked anxiously concerning their beloved country-Israel- would it be restored to power immediately?

JESUS told them that it was not for them to know the time or season when such an event would happen, but that they should wait until they had received the power of the HOly Spirit, then they were to witness for HIm, first in Jerusalem and Judea and then in all parts of the world.

FIrst they were to receive power before they were to do anything. They must be prepared to serve.

Does not our situation demand of us that we do the same as the apostles were commanded to do?

The conditions are so critical, the need for just the right kind of service is so great, that we ought to wait before God until we are prepared and empowered to go forth on our mission of service.

Waiting before God means thinking things thru and looking beyond the facts of our immediate situation until we see clearly the eternal realities of life. It means reforming ourselves before we attempt to reform others.

We should realize the fact that false office holders and grafting, traitorous money kings does not indicate that we are going to the bow wows for a certainty. Nor does the fact that so many of our people are extravigant, lustful and lawless prove that we are doomed as a nation.

So long as we have men of character who lives demonstrate the righteousness, justice and truth of God our country is not lost- there is still hope.

As helpless as we individual citizens are our first duty is to prepare ourselves for the kind of right living so much needed to-day.